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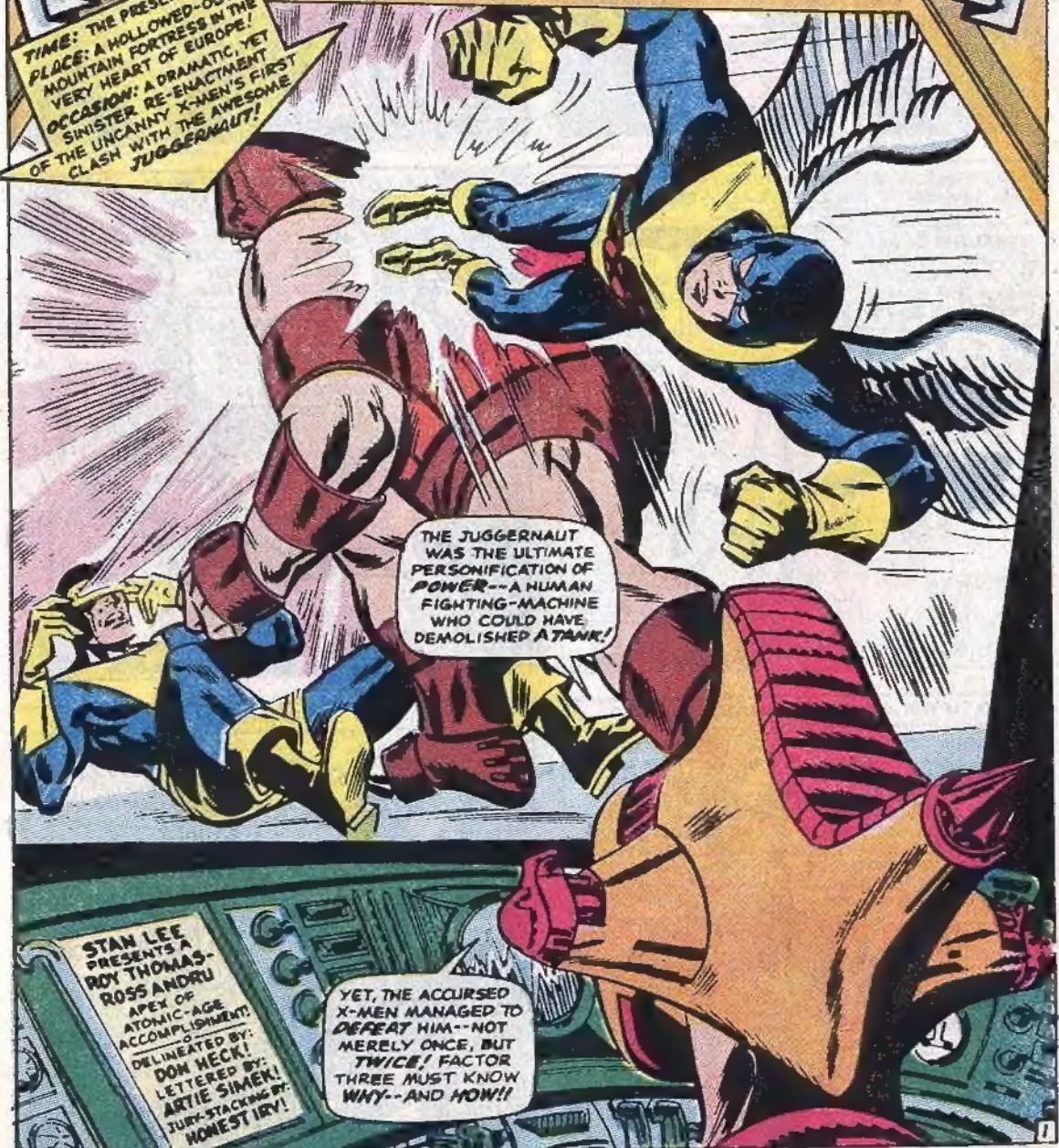
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I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH!

THESE SCENES HAVE SHOWN ALL WE NEEDED-- TO ASSURE US OF VICTORY OVER THOSE INFERNAL TEENAGERS!

NOW FORTUNATE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO EXTRACT THEM FROM THE MEMORY OF OUR CAPTIVE, AGGRESSOR X!

BUT, TIME GROWS SHORT--AND, EVEN NOW, THE X-MEN APPROACH!

MAGNO-DISK ONE--REPORT! ARE YOU READY TO ATTACK?

YES, NUMBER TWO! WE SHALL REACH THE IMPACT AREA WITHIN MOMENTS!

MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES DISTANT--AND DRAWING EVER NEARER TO THE CRYPTICALLY-REFERRED-TO IMPACT POINT...

EVEN THE BLASÉ BEAST IS MOVED BY THE SIGHT OF ALL THOSE TOWERING PEAKS BELOW!

ARE YOU SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND FACTOR THREE AMONG THEM, JEANIE?

WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN, HANK--BUT, CEREBRO GAVE SUCH AN EXACT READING THAT--

GUINE, BOTH OF YOU! HERE COMES THE STEWARDESS!

HELLO--I HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING FLYING OUR FRIENDLY SKIES!

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WELL, UH, NOTHIN, FAIR DAMSEL--JUST A NEW INGREDIENT FOR LIQUID DETERGENTS, I TRUST YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?!

WELL, AND, I'M TOO BUSY TO WATCH TV...

AS A MATTER OF UNASSAILED ABLE FACT, I AM MYSELF!

GOOD OL' HANK! HE REALLY THINKS ON HIS FEET!

BUT THEN, SO COULD I, IF I HAD TOOTSIES LIKE HIS!

AND, AFTER THE STEWARDESS HAS LEFT...

WE'LL BE AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE LONG--AND WILL I BE GLAD!

IT'S SO HARD TO KEEP ACTING CHEERFUL--LIKE SOME VACATIONING COLLEGE STUDENTS--WHEN WE KNOW THAT BOTH THE PROFESSOR AND THE WORLD ARE IN DANGER--!

WE MUST, JEAN--NO MATTER WHAT OUR PERSONAL MISGIVINGS!

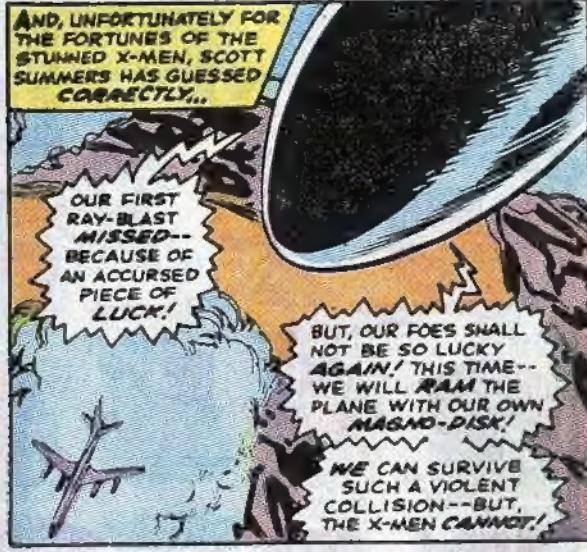
BE GRATEFUL FOR SMALL FAVORS! AT LEAST WE HAD A PEACEFUL TRIP!

THEN, THAT SELF-SAME INSTANT...

OODOWN--SCOTT!! THE PLANE--IT SUDDENLY DIAPED!

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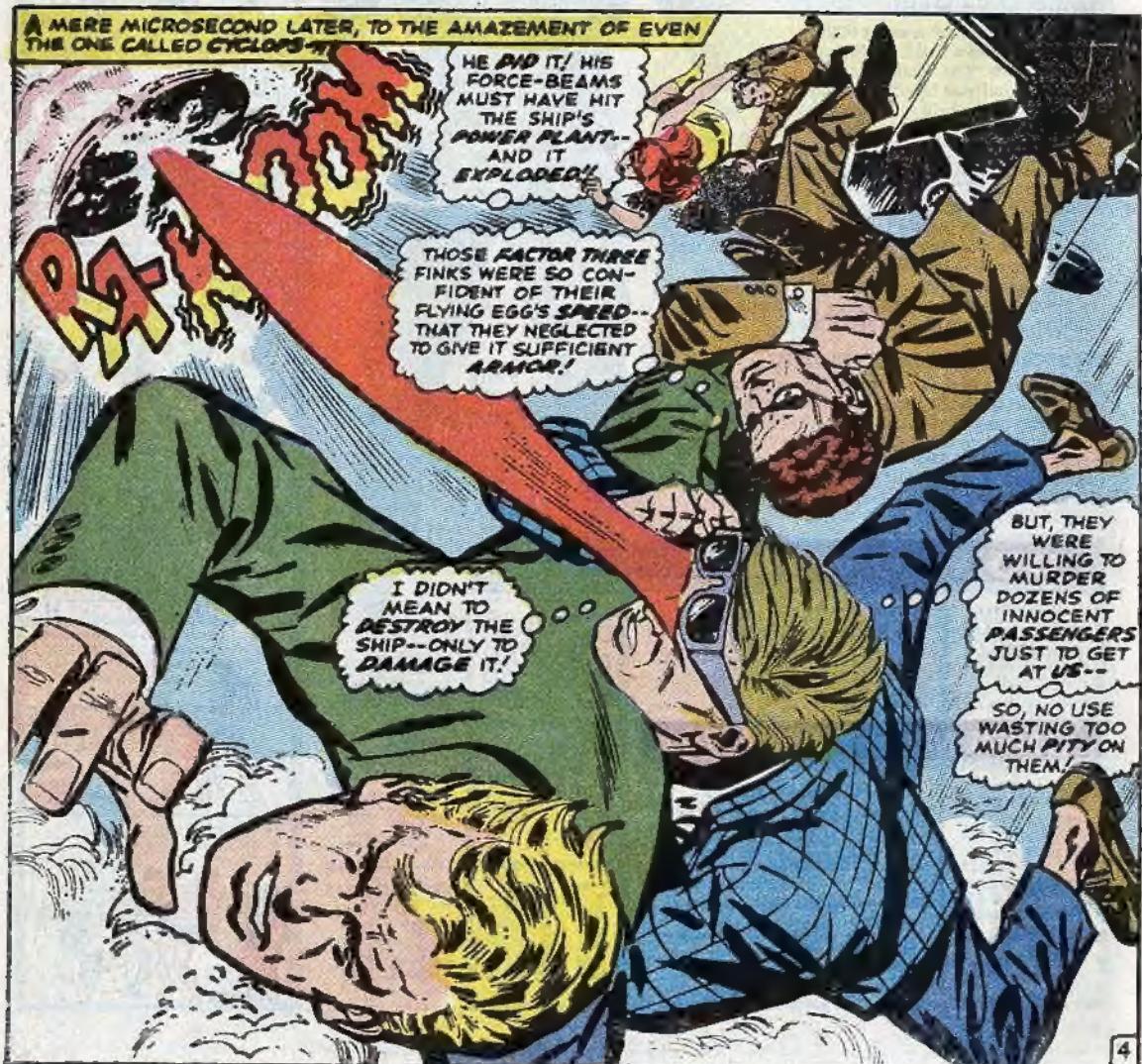
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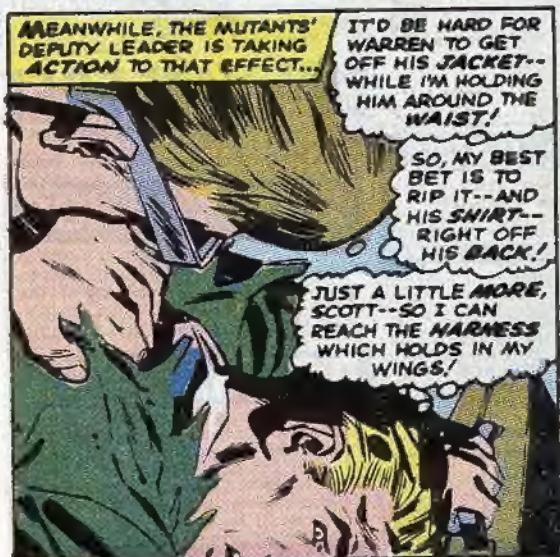
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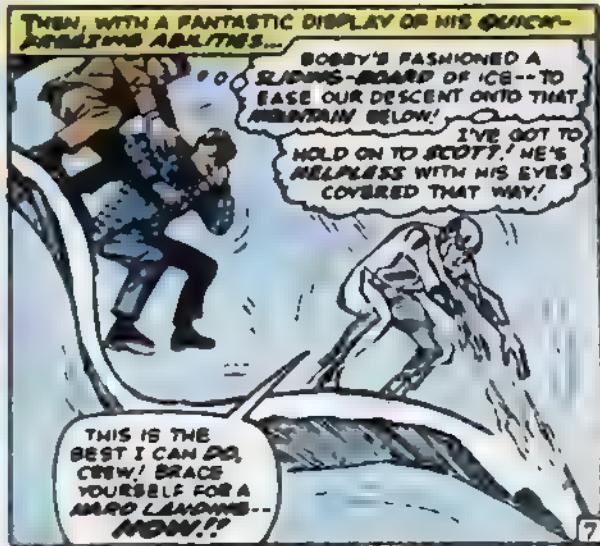
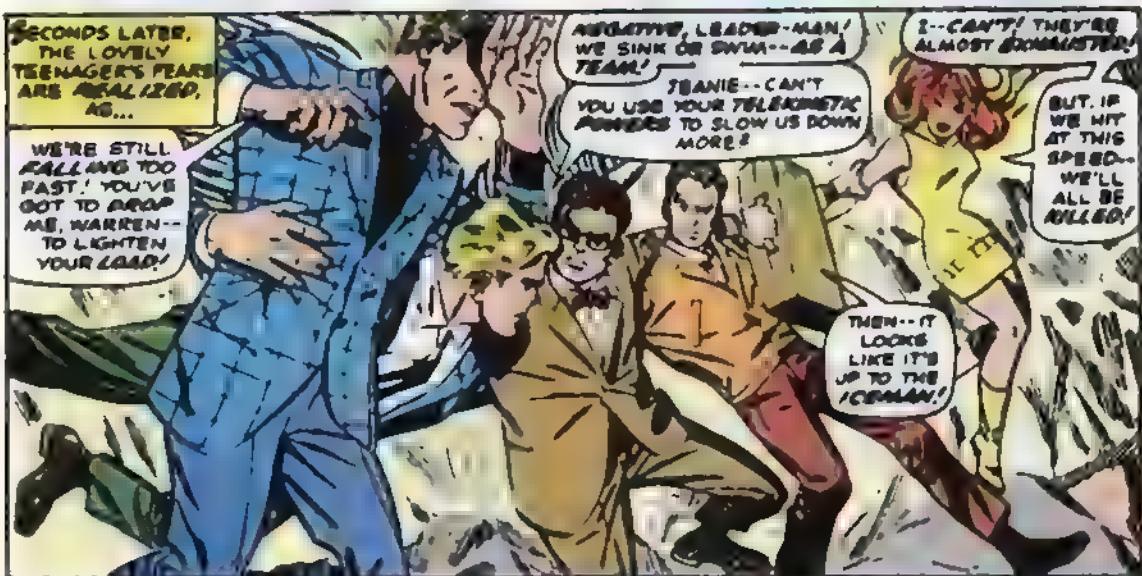
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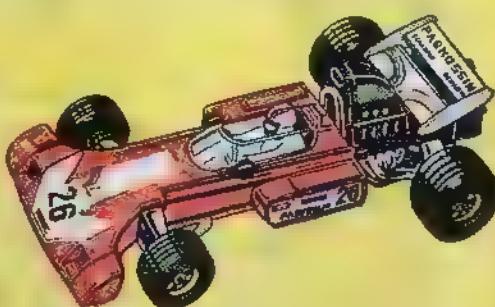
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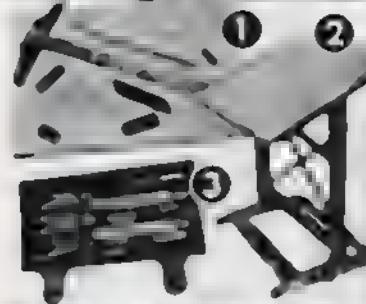
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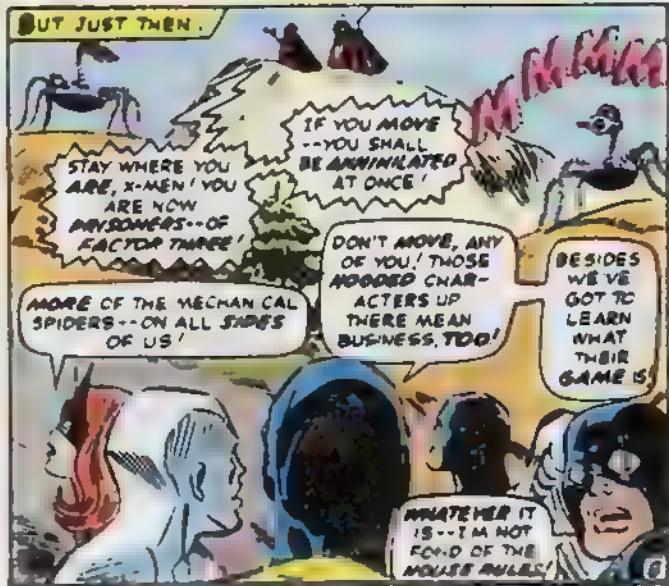
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MRS. OTHERWISE YOU FORCE US TO SMASH YOU--AS WE DEAL WITH ALL WHO WOULD OPPOSE US!

WELL, WILL YOU BECOME OUR ALLIES? YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS TO DECIDE!

AFTER THAT, WE SHALL ORDER OUR ARCHANGELS TO OPEN FIRE ON YOU!

DON'T TRUST 'EM, CYKE! THERE'S STILL ONE WAY OPEN TO US--DOWN THIS LEDGE! I--UH OH!

LOOKS LIKE I CROWDED A BIT TOO EARLY!

SO I HEAR! AND, THEY'RE WARMING UP TO FIRE!

HMM--CAN YOU--?

HAVE NO FEAR MR. SUMMERS--THE BOUNDING BEAST SHALL SOON HAVE THE SITUATION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!

--I KNOW!

GOOD GOING, BEAST! YOU GOT THEM BOTH WITH ONE PASS!

I ALWAYS KNEW HIS FEET HAD TO BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING!

I CHOOSE TO IGNORE THAT SALACIOUS REMARK, YOUNGSTER! MY ASTONISHING ACHIEVEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF!

DON'T LOOK NOW--BUT THE REST OF THEM AREN'T EVEN SHOOTING AT US!

OF COURSE, THE FACT THAT THOSE ROBOTS WERE STANDING ON UNEVEN GROUND DID HELP A BIT!

KLOM!

I NOTICED THE SAME THING, WARREN! IT COULD BE WE'RE BEING HERDED ALONG-- LIKE SO MANY SHEEP!

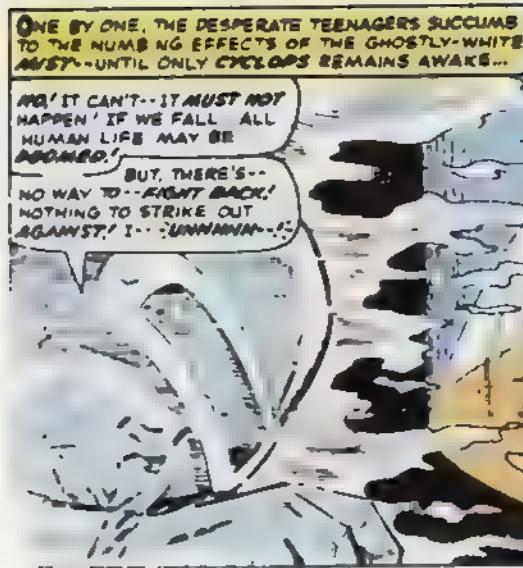
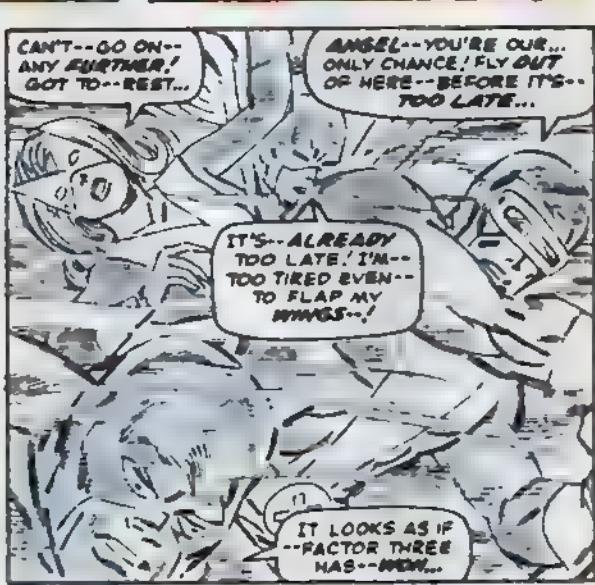
JUST THE SAME--IN CASE WE'RE WRONG-- I'LL BLAST THE LEDGE BEHIND US, SO THOSE PUG-UGLIES CAN'T FOLLOW US ALONG IT!

WE WANT TO FIND THE PROFESSOR-- BUT NOT AS HIS FELLOW PRISONERS!

WHOW! LOOKS LIKE WE JUST GOT OUT OF THERE IN TIME! THAT RAY-BLAST WAS CLOSE!

LUCKILY, THE CURVATURE OF THE MOUNTAIN PROTECTED US--AND GIVES US A SLIGHT HEAD START!

HEY, CYKE-- LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE COMING TO JUST AHEAD!



ONE BY ONE, THE DESPERATE TEENAGERS SUCUMB TO THE NUMBING EFFECTS OF THE GHOSTLY-WHITE MIST--UNTIL ONLY CYCLOPS REMAINS AWAKE...

NO! IT CAN'T--IT MUST NOT HAPPEN! IF WE FALL ALL HUMAN LIFE MAY BE DOOMED!

BUT, THERE'S--NO WAY TO--FIGHT BACK! NOTHING TO STRIKE OUT AGAINST! I--UHHHAA--

AND, WITH THESE WORDS, THE RAY-BLASTING EYES OF CYCLOPS CLOSE--DEFEATED BY AN ENEMY THEY CANNOT SEE OR TOUCH! THEN, A MINUTE--OR AN ETERNITY--LATER...

HAN! THIS IS THE SIGHT I HAVE LONG CRAVED TO SEE! NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I AM GLAD THAT WE JOINED FACTOR THREE--TO SEE THE END OF THE ONCE-MIGHTY X-MEN!

WHO--? THAT VOICE--IT'S SO FAMILIAR...

AND WELL MIGHT IT BE, FOOL! LOOK UP--AND KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF FEAR!

THEN, AS THE REST OF THE DAZED QUINTET OPEN THEIR EYES, THEY SUDDENLY BEHOLD A FANTASTIC, HEART-STOPPING SIGHT--HEAR SINISTER VOICES WHICH THEY HAVE LONG BELIEVED THEY WOULD NEVER HEAR AGAIN--!

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X-MEN! DO YOU NOT
REMEMBER THE
INCREDIBLE VANISHER?

I CAN TELL BY THE LOOKS ON
THEIR FACES THAT THEY HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN ME--THE MOST
INVINCIBLE MUTANT OF ALL--
UNUS THE UNTOUCHABLE!

II

VANISHER--
UNUS--AND THE
BLOB--EVEN THE
MASTERMIND'S
IMAGES OF FOUR
OF OUR GREATEST
FOES--LOOKING
DOWN ON US AS IF
THEY'RE SITTING
IN JUDGEMENT!

BUT, UNUS AND
THE BLOB ARE
IN HIDING IN
AMERICA--AND
THE OTHER TWO
WERE STRIPPED
OF THEIR MUTANT
POWERS!

THEN, THEY MUST
BE THE BIG
CHEESES BEHIND
FACTOR THREE!
AFTER ALL THIS
TIME--WE
FINALLY KNOW!

WELL, WE'VE TAKEN
ON THOSE CREEPS
BEFORE, AND--
HEY! WHO'S
THE GUY COMIN'
AT US FROM OUTTA
THE WALL?

IT HAS ALMOST BEEN
WEEKS THE LONG HOURS
OF HIDING--OF HOLDING
BACK FROM ANY MERE
ATTEMPTS AT PERSONAL
AVENGEANCE--TO SEE YOU
YOUNG FOOLS HELPLESS
BEFORE US!

HELPLESS? THEY
MUST BE TELLING THE
TRUTH! I CAN SENSE
SOME INVISIBLE
POWER--KEEPING US
FROM LEAVING THE
STRANGE, GLOWING
CIRCLE WE'RE ON!

SURELY YOU REMEMBER THE
ABOVE COLORFUL QUARTET
OF VILLAINS--ALL INTRODUCED
IN THE FIRST TEN ISSUES OF
X-MEN!
--SENTIMENTAL STAN.

THERE'S SOME COSTUMED CHARACTER STANDING ON THAT PLATFORM THAT'S APPROACHING US--BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE! COULD HE BE THE MEAD OR FACTOR THREE?

HEY--THERE'S ANOTHER FIGURE ABOVE--SHRODED IN BLACKNESS! WHAT'S HIS PART IN THIS GRIM CHARADE?

OKAY, MISTER--IT'S YOUR PLAY! SUPPOSE YOU START OUT BY TELLING US WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO PROFESSOR XAVIER--AND THE GAMBINNE!

YOU ARE SCARCELY IN A POSITION TO BE GIVING ORDERS, CYCLOPS!

BUT, WE SHALL FORGIVE YOUR UNSEEMLY ARROGANCE--FOR THE PRESENT!

STILL, STAND WARNED--YOU ARE IN A COURT OF LAW, AND ANYTHING WHICH YOU SAY MAY BE HELD AGAINST YOU!

WHAT'S THAT REFUGEE FROM A PERRY MASON RE-RUN ACTS AS IF--WE'RE DEFENDANTS IN SOME KIND OF TRIAL!

IF THE LESS-THAN OVERJOYOUS BASTARD MAY HAZARD AN OPINION, LAD--I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE ARE!



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AND EVEN AS DARKNESS FALLS OVER THE REST OF THE GLOOMY CHAMBER, THE FACE OF THE MAN-LEPER APPEARS--TWISTED AND CONTORTED WITH BESTIAL MATURED...

IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT I SHOULD BE THE FIRST HERE TO SPEAK OF YOUR RASH FOLLY!



FOR, IT WAS I WHO YOU FIRST Battled, AFTER YOUR INITIAL ENCOUNTER WITH MAGNETO!

NEXT, BEFORE THE X-MEN'S STARTLED EYES, THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF DAYS AGONE APPEAR ON THE VIEW-SCREEN...

I'LL GET THAT VITAL BRIEFCASE AWAY FROM HIM WITH MY POWER BEAM!



YOU ARE MUTANTS TOO-- JUST AS I AM!

AGAIN AND AGAIN, I USED MY MUTANT POWER OF SELF-TELEPORTATION TO ESCAPE FROM YOUR GRASP--BUT, YOU CONTINUED TO SIDE WITH THE HUMANS, AGAINST YOUR OWN KIND!

MANY FEARS

SUPPOSE WE TAKE A TRIP UPSTAIRS, BUSTER!



FOOL! HEIGHT DOES NOT BOTHER ME!

BUT, IT WAS ME--AND YOUR ACCURSED ABS-ESSOR--WHO ROBBED ME OF MY MEMORY FOR SO LONG! THUS, I ACCUSE YOU OF TREASON AGAINST THE RACE OF AGAMO SUPERIOR!

THEN, ABRUPTLY, A SECOND SINISTER VOICE RINGS OUT FROM THE GLOWING SCREEN...

THAT'S ENOUGH, UNUS! YOU'VE MADE VANISHER! WE DON'T HAVE TO SPEND ALL DAY ON THIS TRIAL! UNUS THE UNTOUCHABLE!



YES, YOU YOUNG FREAKS! UNUS--WHOSE PROTECTIVE ENERGY FIELD MADE ME THE SCOURGE OF THE WEAKLING HUMANS--UNTIL THE BEAST GAVE ME A DOSE OF A BOOSTER RAY!



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, UNUS--THIS LITTLE INSTRUMENT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE YOUR POWER--A HUNDREDFOLD!

BUT, I SOON LEARNED YOU HAD TRACKED ME--THAT NOW I COULD TOUCH NOTHING, NOT EVEN AGAMO--SO THAT I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SURRENDER!



IT'S INCREDIBLE! THEY'RE SHOWING US MENTAL IMAGES OF THEIR DEFEATS--AS EVIDENCE THAT WE SHOULD BE EXECUTED!

THE FOLLOWING MOMENT AS UNUS FINISHES HIS ANGRY SPEECH, A THIRD VOICE IS HEARD--A VOICE WHICH CEEHES WITH MASSIVE MENACE...

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DID TO THE REST OF THESE CREEPS, X-MEN--BUT YOU'RE GONA BE SORRY YOU EVER TANGLED WITH...

BLOO!

YOUR BRAVADO WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, ICEMAN! I'VE GOT A LITTLE SCORE TO SETTLE WITH YOU DO-GOODERS--AND I ALWAYS PAY MY SCORE!

BOOOFF!

IN FACT, I OWE YOU MORE THAN ANYBODY HERE--BECAUSE YOU MANAGED TO BEAT ME THREE TIMES! BUT, THE FINAL VICTORY IS GONA BE MINE--

AND, THAT'D BE ENOUGH TO MAKE ME GLAD I JOINED FACTOR THREE--EVEN IF IT WASN'T ALSO GONA MAKE US RULERS OF THE WORLD!

AW, WHY DON'TCHA GO BACK TO THE CARNIVAL WHERE YOU BELONG, CHUBBY?

THE NEXT VOICE--THE LAST OF THE QUARTET OF ACCUSERS WHOSE IMAGES LOOK OUT VINDICTIVELY ON THE IMPRISONED TEENAGERS--IS POSSIBLY THE MOST SURPRISING OF ALL...

MAN! YOU NEVER AGAIN EXPECTED TO SEE THE MASTERMIND, I'M SURE!

IT WAS NOT ACTUALLY YOU--BUT THE INFERNAL STRANGER KARMA SPICE--WHO DEFEATED ME, BY TURNING ME INTO STONE!

BUT, HIS SPELL WAS NOT A PERMANENT ONE--AND, WHEN I REVIVED, I QUICKLY SOUGHT OUT OTHER EVIL MUTANTS LIKE MYSELF!

AND, I FOUND THEM--IN THE GROUP CALLED FACTOR THREE! BUT, NOTHING COULD EVER ERASE THE MEMORY OF THE INGENTHITIES I SUFFERED AT YOUR HANDS!

THE ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME YOUR ILLUSION-CREATING POWER, MASTER-MIND--

--IS TO USE MY OWN POWERS DIRECTLY ON YOU!

UNNNNNN!!

THE BLOO SAYS WE FACED YOU CURSED BRATS THREE TIMES--BUT, I FOUGHT YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN--AS ONE OF MAGNETO'S DREAD BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS!

ALWAYS WE CAME CLOSE TO VICTORY--YET WERE ALWAYS DEFEATED!

BUT, NOW I CAN AVENGE ALL THOSE DEFEATE--BY VOTING FOR YOUR DESTRUCTION--AND FOR THAT OF YOUR PRECIOUS PROFESSOR X!

THEN, RESOUNDING BETWEEN THE STARK WALLS OF THE GRIM, GREY CHAMBER, A ROUGHE-VOICED CHY RINGS OUT--GUILTY!
GUILTY! GUILTY!



THEN, WITH THAT HARSH, RESOUNDING CRY, THE GIANT VIEWSCREEN GOES BLANK--AND THE MYSTERIOUS MUTANT CALLED THE COMBEMASTER SPEAKS ONCE MORE...

YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY A JURY COMPOSED OF YOUR FELLOW MUTANTS--GUILTY OF THE CRIME OF BETRAYING THE CAUSE OF MAMO'S SUBJECTS!

BOY! TALK ABOUT RANGLAZOO COUNT!

WE WERE TRIED--AND CONDEMNED--WITHOUT BEING ALLOWED TO SAY A WORD!

FOR THIS CRIME,
I--AS THE PROSECUTOR
--ASK THAT YOU BE
GIVEN THE MAXIMUM
PENALTY--THAT OF
DEATH!

IF ONLY THIS
INVISIBLE
SHADE DIDN'T
SURROUND US--
HOLD US BACK--

SILENCE,
X-MEN! HEAR
NOW THE
VERDICT OF
HIM WHO IS
YOUR JUDGE
--THE MUTANT
MASTER!

BEFORE I PRONOUNCE MY ULTIMATE
VERDICT UPON YOU, IT PLEASES ME TO
TELL YOU HOW FACTOR THREE INTENDS
TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE DOMINATION
OF THE WORLD!

JESUS LOAMS HAS THE
INFERIOR SPECIES CALLED HUMANS
SABERAS HELD SWAY ON THIS
PLANET. NOW, THE TIME HAS COME
FOR THE MUTANTS OF THE WORLD
TO RULE!

"BUT, BEFORE THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED, FIRST THERE MUST BE A
TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE POWER OF THE HUMAN RACE TO
RESIST--"

--A DESTRUCTION
ACHIEVED BY MEANS
OF THEIR OWN
MIGHTIEST WEAPON
--THE HYDROGEN
BOMB!"

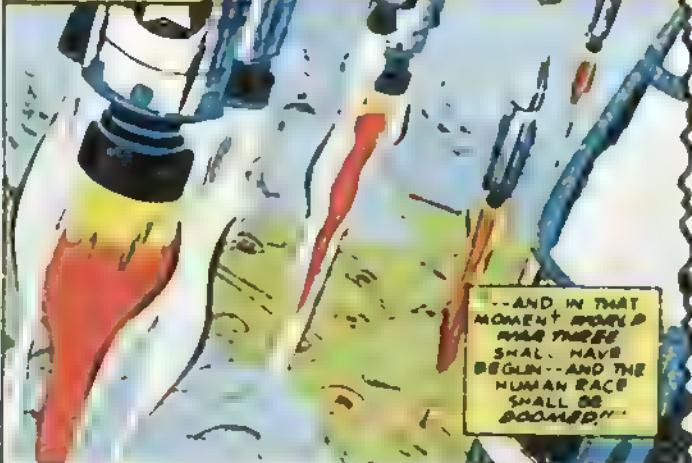
YET, ATOMIC WEAPONS ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO
COMPLETELY HUMBLE THE ACCURSED HUMANS!
THERE MUST BE MAMO--HAAA--WAR--WAR SUCH
AS THIS PLANET HAS NEVER SEEN!"

"AND, WE SHALL ACCOMPLISH THIS HOLOCAUST BY
THE SIMPLEST OF MEANS."

"SOON, AT A TOP-
LEVEL MEETING OF
IRON-CURTAIN
OFFICIALS, AN
EXPLOSION SHALL
OCUR--A FATAL
BLAST THAT SHALL
BE BLAMED UPON
THE UNITED
STATES..."

"AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME, THE AIR
FALLOUT SYSTEM OF AN AMERICAN
ICON BASE WILL CARRY A POTENT
ANALYTIC GAS TO EVERY MAN THERE..."

"WITH THE BASE'S PERSONNEL REDUCED TO ABJECT HELPLESS-
NESS MY MUTANT FOLLOWERS SHALL UNLEASH A DEADLY
RAIN OF ATOMIC MISSILES--AIMED AT THE HEART OF THE
IRON GUARD..."



AND, IN THE CARNAGE
THAT REMAINS WE--
THE THIRD FACTOR
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST--
SHALL SHARE POWER!

THAT IS OUR
DESTINY--A
DESTINY WHICH
YOU, BECAUSE
OF YOUR
TREASON,
CANNOT
SHARE!

THUS, I SENTENCE
YOU TO UTTER
OBEDIENCY--AND
INSTRUCT THE
CHAMBER RAYS TO
CARRY OUT MY
SENTENCE.

IT SHALL
BE DONE
SIRE!



A SHORT TIME LATER, THE FIVE CAPTIVE TEENAGERS
AWAKEN--TO FIND THEMSELVES STRAPPED TO A WEIRD
AWESOME APPARATUS...

I'M NOT SURE--
BUT I'LL BET THIS
GADGET WASN'T
DESIGNED TO SEE
OUR HAIR!

THIS CONDEMNED
ONES, IS THE
OBELIVO-RAY--THE
INVENTION OF THE
MUTANT MASTER,
THE GREATEST
MIND SUPERIOR
MIND OF ALL!

IT IS DESIGNED TO
SAP YOUR VERY
WILLS--SO THAT
YOU WILL OBEY
MY EVERY
COMMAND!

YOURS WILL BE A
LIFE-IN-DEATH--
A FATE MORE FITTING
THAN ANY OTHER TO
MUTANTS WHO BETRAYED
THEIR KIND!

THEN, AS THE VOICE FADES AWAY,
OMINOUSLY--

THEY MUST
HAVE GONE--TO CARRY
OUT THEIR PLAN TO DESTROY
MOST OF THE HUMAN RACE!

JEAN--IF YOU COULD JUST
USE YOUR TELEKINESIS
TO OPEN MY EYES!

I--I'M TRYING
SCOTT! BUT,
THE DEVICE
OVER YOUR
HEAD MUST
BE--TOO
TIGHT--!

THEN THERE'S
NO WAY WE
CAN ESCAPE--
UNLESS--

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ITEM! We've a couple of other new mags debuting this go-round, too, for those of you who simply can't get enough of our macabre mystery-type thrillers! Don't miss your collectors' item editions of a trio of winners called UNCANNY TALES, THE DEAD OF NIGHT, and WEIRD WONDER TALES! The latter, incidentally, features startling sagas of a more science-fiction nature, drawn by some of comedown's finest! Read 'em and reap, pilgrim!

ITEM! Hey, here's a special aside to all our college readers—and, to judge from our mail, just about every college Joe and co-ed in the land must be into Marvel. Anyway here's the bit: If your college bookstore isn't carrying the latest Marvel masterworks, let us know pronto by dropping us a line c/o CIRCULATION DEPT., Marvel Comics Group, 575 Madison Ave., NYC NY 10022. Help that bookstore of yours shape up okay? After all, we wouldn't wantcha to be culturally deprived!

ITEM! Looks like the whole world's gone crazy! CRAZY Magazine, that is! Editor MARY WOLFMAN got busy on the phone the other day, and now issue #2 spotlights a heaping handful of satire by none other than ART BUCHWALD, one of America's most famous humorists—in addition to potent parody by some of the world's wittiest artists and writers! Want proof? Then dig our special Back-To-School Ish. That's CRAZY #2, now on sale—wherever nuttiful magazines are sold!

ITEM! Well, we predicted it—and you verify, it has come to pass! In other words, it looks like our far-out FOOM Club is gonna be a bigger hit than the good of MMMS and Marvelmania combined—and this one's here to stay, people! Every day brings a veritable mountain of mail singing the praises of all the goodies you get when you sign up—and if you don't believe us, just peruse some of our littin' letters pages, where we've printed the most colorful of the lot! Meanwhile, Jaunty JIM STERANKO—our Miruster of InfOOMation—is already shipping out the third big issue of our very own FOOM Magazine to each and every member, and this one is replete with the first of a

zingy new set of Secret Codes which so many of you—young and old—have requested! The very first cipher is our SPIDER MAN CODE, and here's a cryptic message about an upcoming Marvel event which is definitely F.O.O.M. (For Only Our Members)! To wit:

HSGMOUB RIWFB SNFG
OFIG DJ JSNFHMFG

Captain Midnight, eat your heart out!

Bad news, it seems, never travels alone.

Only two months ago, this space told of the demise of our friend and co-worker, Bill Everett. And now we regret to announce the untimely passing of another all-time great comic artist, SYD SHORES, on Sunday, June 3, 1973.

Syd has been known for his fine work over the years, most notably on Captain America in the 1940's, and on Red Wolf and many other strips in more recent years. A fuller word will appear in the fourth issue of Monsters Unleashed, where Syd's last work will appear.

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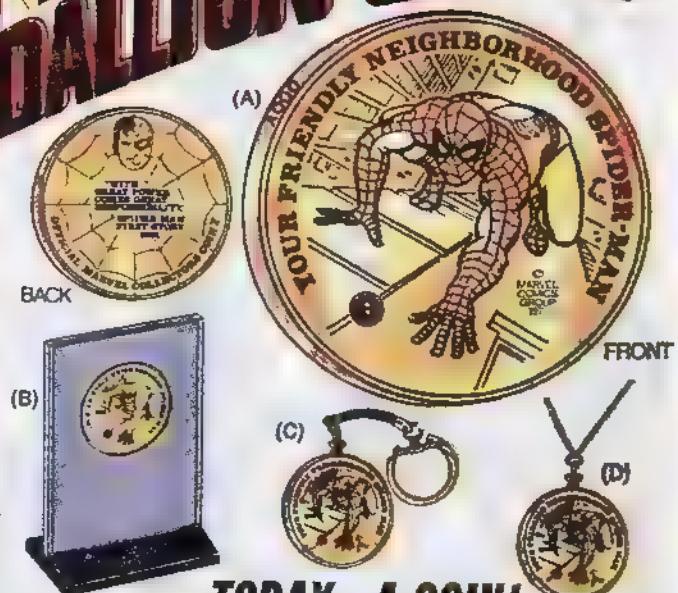


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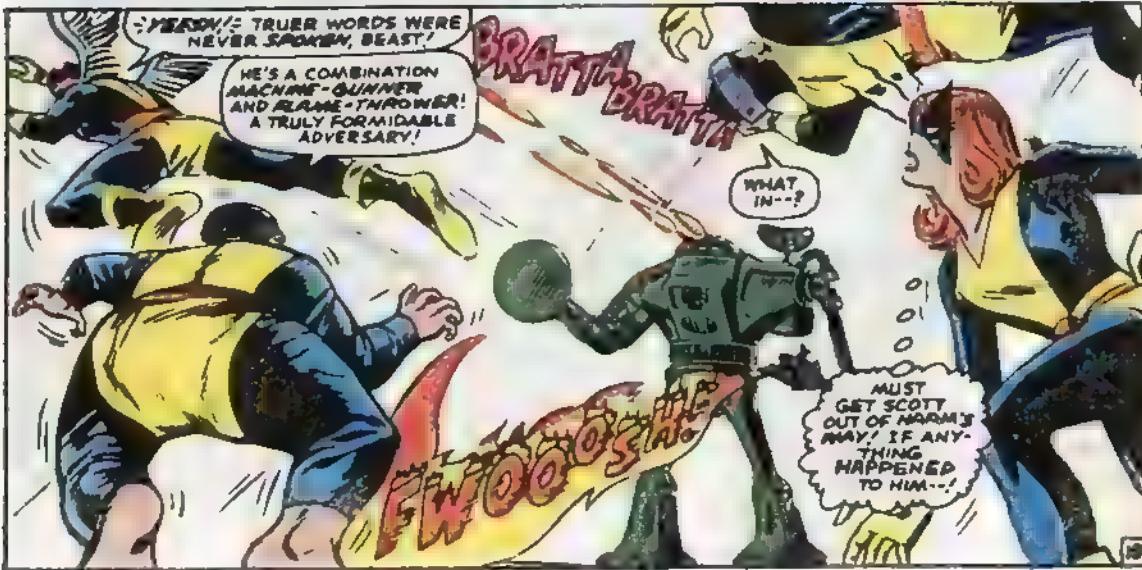
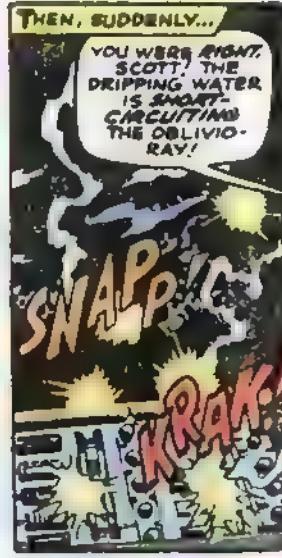
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WITHIN THE HOUR, AN EXPLOSION AND A BRACE OF RUNAWAY MISSILES SHALL SIGNAL THE END OF HUMANITY--AND THE COMING TO POWER OF THE EVIL MUTANTS!

AND I SHALL RULE THE MUTANTS!!

THEN--WE'RE TOO LATE! WE CAN'T POSSIBLY OVERTAKE FACTOR THREE'S AGENTS BEFORE--

NO--IT CAN'T BE! WE MUST STOP THEM-- SOMEHOW-- SOME WAY--!!

BUT NOW?? WE'RE ENTRAPPED INSIDE THE ENEMY'S VERY FORTRESS--AND, THERE'S SO LITTLE TIME--SO LITTLE TIME--!!

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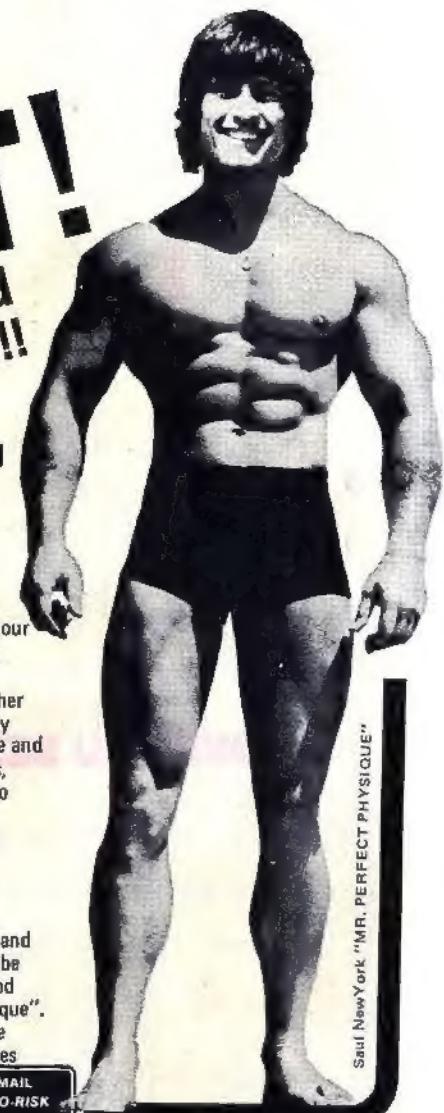
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